

## IN THE UNITED STATES PATENT AND TRADEMARK OFFICE



In re Application of :  
 Sashikanth Chandrasekaran : Confirmation Number: 1436  
 Serial No.: 09/871,853 : Group Art Unit: 2187  
 Filed: May 31, 2001 : Examiner: Kimberley N. McClean

For: METHOD AND APPARATUS FOR REDUCING LATENCY AND MESSAGE TRAFFIC  
 DURING DATA AND LOCK TRANSFER IN A MULTI-NODE SYSTEM

Mail Stop Amendment  
 Commissioner for Patents  
 P. O. Box 1450  
 Alexandria, VA 22313-1450

Dear Sir:

Transmitted herewith is an Amendment in the above identified application.



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Total Claims	43	41	2	\$18.00 =	\$36.00
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Multiple claims newly presented				\$0.00	
TOTAL FEE DUE					\$36.00

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Respectfully submitted,

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AMENDMENT AND RESPONSE

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Sir:

This is in response to the Office Action mailed August 18, 2004, the shortened statutory period for which runs until November 18, 2004. Please revise the subject application as indicated below. The Applicants respectfully request reconsideration of the application in light of the following remarks.

**Amendments to the Claims** are reflected in the listing of claims that begin on page 2 of this paper.

**Remarks** begin on page 17 of this paper.

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